(e) Information regarding quantitative production of drugs is monitored by the Director General of Technical Development, Ministry of Industry. Import of some of the anti-cancer drugs and formulations as available with this Ministry during the last 3 years is announced. [See Appendix CXX.IX, Annexure No. 121]

Marketing of Nandrolene and Testoterone

2121. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nandrolene and Testosterone are allowed for marketing in the country;

(b) what are the diseases for which these drugs are used;

(c) what are the side effects as well as hazardous effects of these drugs;

(d) whether it is a fact that finished medicineg are available freely without prescriptions in the market;

(e) whether it is a fact that neither any warning nor any precaution is mentioned on the label;

(f) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are misused; and

(g) if so, the steps taken to safe guard the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nandrolone is used in chronic debilitating diseases particularly in old patients, Osteoporosis, convalescence from surgery etc. Testosterone is used in Male hypogonadal disorders endocrine impotence, osteoporosis due to androgen deficiency.

(c) Hie possible side-effects reported ilue to the administration of there drugs are Nitrogen retention, increased skeletal weight, sodium and water retention, Oedema, increased vascularity of the skin hyperkalemia and increased growth of the bone.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Precautions warning for a prescription like drug like Nandrolone, Testosterone are given in package in-sert|promotional literature and not on the lebal.

(f) The Government has not received any report of their misuse.

(g) Does not arise.

Marketing of Caffeine and Tonics

2122. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Caffeine in Tonics is allowed for marketing;

(b) what is the advantage oi Caffeine in Tonics;

(c) what are the considerations on which Caffeine has been allowed to be used;

(d) the names of leading brands of Tonics containing Caffeine; and

(e) what are the indiications for which such combinations are used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Caffeine is stated to have a stimulant effect in tonics.

(d) S'antevini and Vitahext.

(e) The claimed function of tonics is to stimiulate appetite and to Prr